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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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15 January 19501. Eittau (O 51/F 91):

a. Kommandatura on Haberkornplatz was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. MVD office at 16 Lessingstrasse was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. No other Soviet offices were observed.

b. No changes were observed with the kommandatura and MVD office. Both offices together had a personnel of 100 to 120 troops most of them wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

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2. Joerlitz (O 52/S 00):

a. County kommandatura, staffed by 60 to 70 men and MVD office staffed by about 30 men were still located on Luederspark. [REDACTED]

b. Aside from the kommandatura and MVD office, no occupation troops were observed on 11 February 1950.

10 February 19503. Miesky (O 52/A 92):

Kommandatura had a personnel of 40 to 50 with black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

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4. Bischofswerda (N 52/A 40):

Kaserne on the Bautzen road was occupied by 250 to 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. Eilenburg (N 52/E 32):

Kaserne on Braneboldstrasse, which previously appeared to be occupied only by a small detail, was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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6. Weisswasser (O 52/A 74):

No occupation troops were seen.

7. 16 February 1950

No occupation troops were seen.

16 February 1950

8. Area south of Weisswasser:

A cantonment under construction was observed in the area south of Weisswasser (see Annex).

a. One hundred and seventy-eight cantonment buildings, 76 earth shelters and 28 brushwood shelters were observed on an area of about 1,500 x 300 meters along the Sprey-Kochten road. The earth shelters measured 15 x 6, the brushwood shelters 8 x 3 and the cantonment buildings, still under construction, 10 x 6 meters. About 80 German laborers were seen at construction work. No soldiers were observed.

b. Four 12 x 6 meter cantonment buildings, occupied by troops, were observed behind a board fence along the Boxberg-Kochten road. Two young soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets left the gate in the middle of the fence and walked toward Kochten. The cantonment was connected with the power and telephone net of Kochten.

(1) Soviet tank practices including artillery firing with live ammunition were held in the Boxberg area

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(2) About 100 troops and 200 German laborers were allegedly employed in completing the cantonment

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9. Stolberg (K 51/K 54) area:

Stolberg had been occupied by about 200 troops until a short time before. The troops suddenly left for an unidentified destination, leaving only a rear-detail of 15 to 20 men.

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a. One NCO wearing black epaulets and five GIs wearing green epaulets were observed. Some trucks, towing guns and occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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with artillery insignia were seen passing through Stolberg. They came from Aue (N 51/A 53) and proceeded toward Chemnitz (N 51/K 60). The guns towed by the trucks had a four-wheel mount, four lifting disks, revolving disk mounting gun and gunner's seat between the wheels, 1.80-meter-long gun barrel and a caliber of about 40 mm.

b. Twenty-five trucks [redacted] and 15 guns of the described type were entrained at the Chemnitz main railroad station on 18 February 1950.

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Comment:

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a. [redacted]

Another kommandatura which had been observed in Hoyerswerda in June 1949 was apparently dissolved during the winter.

b. A small component unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div is probably stationed in Bishofswerda.

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c. The 350th AT Apty Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is believed to be stationed in Eilenburg. This assumption is corroborated by the observation of [redacted] soldiers with artillery insignia.

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1 Annex: Soviet Cantonment South of Weisswasser.

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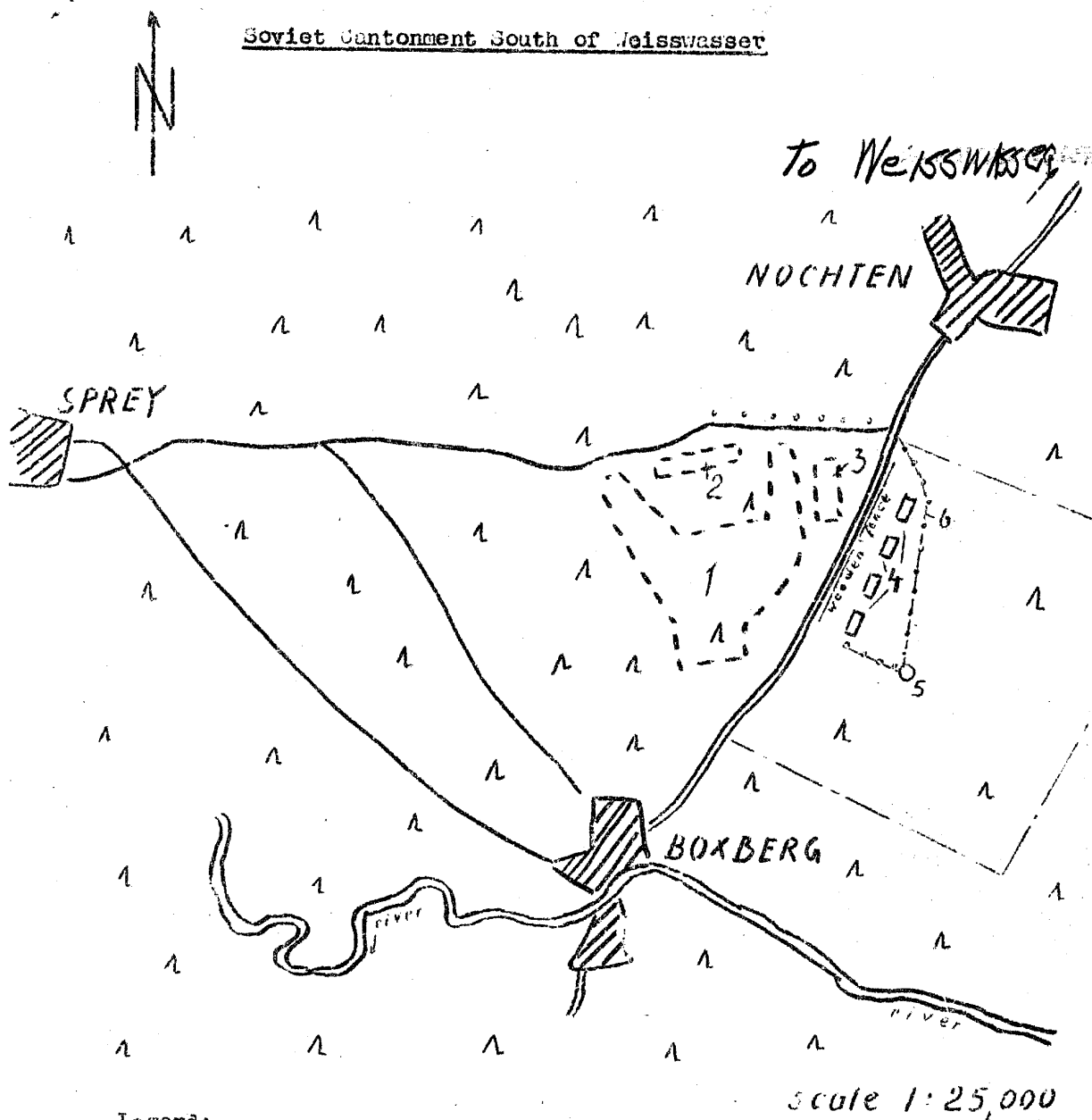
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Annex

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Soviet Cantonment South of Weisswasser

Legend:

- 1 Cantonment buildings
- 2 Earth shelters
- 3 Brushwood huts
- 4 Cantonment buildings
- 5 Watchtower
- 6 Poles for telephone and power lines

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